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SUBJECT: ILO STRUCTURE

FOLLOWING IS A PRELIMINARY WORKING PAPER ON ILO STRUCTURE WHICH WAS CIRCULATED FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, AMONG MEMBERS OF THE EC-9. THIS PAPER WILL LIKELY BE CIRCULATED TO THE IMEC MEMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, ALTHOUGH IT COULD UNDERGO FURTHER DRAFTING CHANGES BEFORE THEN:

QUOTE THE STRUCTURE OF THE GOVERNING GROUP OF THE GOVERN-BODY OF THE ILO

1. THE NINE CONSIDER THAT THE ASIAN PROPOSAL CONSTI-TUTES A SOUND WORKING HYPOTHESIS ON WHICH TO CONDUCT NEGO-TIATIONS ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT GROUP OF THE GOVERNING BODY. THIS WORKING HYPOTHESIS HAS INTER ALIA THE ADVANTAGE OF INTRODUCING THE IDEA OF OBJECTIVE CRI-TERIA WHICH SHOULD GOVERN THE DIVISION OF SEATS BETWEEN A NUMBER OF ELECTORAL COLLEGES AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SEATS FALLING TO EACH ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

(A) THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN TITULAR AND DEPUTY MEM-BERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING GROUP SHOULD BE ABOLISHED WITHOUT OVERALL REDUCTION IN THE SIZE OF THE GOVERNING BODY;

(B) THE GOVERNMENT SEATS ON THE GOVERNING BODY SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO REGIONAL ELECTORAL COLLEGES;

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(C) THE NUMBER OF ELECTORAL COLLEGES SHOULD BE FOUR, FOLLOWING THE NORMAL CONTINENTAL DIVISION OF ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE ILO;

(D) THE CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION SHOULD RELATE TO THE NUMBER OF STATES, POPULATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS - CHINA AND THE U.S. BEING INCLUDED FOR THE APPLICATION OF THESE CRI-TERIA WHETHER OR NOT IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE ILO;

(E) THE CRITERIA FOR THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS SHOULD INCLUDE TOTAL RATHER THAN ACTIVE POPULATION, AND SHOULD BE EQUALLY WEIGHTED;

(F) ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE BY AGREEMENT, IN A FORM EQUALLY BINDING ON ALL THE ELECTORAL COLLEGES, FOR THE ELECTION BY EACH COLLEGE OF AN APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES ON THE BASIS OF CRITERIA RELATING TO THEIR POPULATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS, IN ORDER TO ENSURE REPRESENTATIVITY IN THE GOVERNING BODY AND CONTINUITY IN ITS WORK; THIS COULD BE BEST ACHIEVED IF ONE-HALF OF EACH REGION'S SEATS WERE FILLED IN SUCH A WAY TO REPRESENT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE PROPORTION OF THE REGION'S POPULATION AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ILO. UNQUOTE VANDEN

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